

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

#### **Listing of Claims:**

1-12. (Canceled).

13. (Currently amended): A sunscreen composition for topical administration to human skin comprising microcapsules having UV filter activity made by a sol-gel method and which are free from non-crosslinkable chromophores with UV-A and/or UV-B and/or UV-C filter activity, wherein at least one type of crosslinkable chromophore with UV-A and/or UV-B and/or UV-C filter activity and at least one type of crosslinkable monomer which does not have UV-A and/or UV-B and/or UV-C filter activity are subjected to a crosslinking reaction in the absence of non-crosslinkable chromophores with UV-A and/or UV-B and/or UV-C filter activity, wherein at least one type of crosslinkable chromophore with UV-A and/or UV-B and/or UV-C filter activity is a monomer of the formula  $M(R)_n(P)_m(Q)_q$ , wherein M is a metallic or semi-metallic element, R is a hydrolysable group, P is a chromophore with UV-A, UV-B and/or UV-C filter activity, Q is a non-hydrolysable group, n is 2 or 3, m is 1 or 2 and q is 0 or 1, wherein  $n+m+q=4$ , and a cosmetic auxiliary agent.

14-25. (Canceled).

26. (Previously presented): The sunscreen composition according to claim 13, wherein the chromophore P has the general formula  $A-(B)_b(C)_c(D)_d(E)_e$ - which is chemically bonded to M

wherein

**A** is a chromophore with UV-A and/or UV-B filter activity and  $-(\mathbf{B})_b(\mathbf{C})_c(\mathbf{D})_d(\mathbf{E})_e-$  is a spacer group in which

**B** is a linear or branched alkylene group with up to 20 carbon atoms

**C** is O, S or NH

**D** is a CONH- group

**E** is a linear or branched alkylene or alkenylene group with up to 20 carbon atoms and

**b** is 0 or 1,

**c** is 0 or 1,

**d** is 0 or 1 and

**e** is 0 or 1.

27. (Previously presented): The sunscreen composition according to claim 13, wherein the metallic or semi-metallic element M is silicon.

28. (Previously presented): The sunscreen composition according to claim 13, wherein all of the crosslinkable compounds used for producing the microcapsules are silicon-containing monomers.

29. (Previously presented): The sunscreen composition according to claim 13, wherein the at least one type of crosslinkable chromophore with UV-A and/or UV-B and/or UV-C filter activity is a silane monomer comprising at least two C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkoxy groups.

30. (Previously presented): The sunscreen composition according to claim 29, wherein all monomers which are used for producing the microcapsules are silane monomers comprising at least two C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkoxy groups.

31. (Previously presented): The sunscreen composition according to claim 13, wherein the microcapsules have a particle size of 0.01-100 µm.

32. (Previously presented): The sunscreen composition according to claim 13, wherein the amount of crosslinkable chromophores with UV-A and/or UV-B and/or UV-C filter activity is such that the concentration of UV absorber moieties in the final microcapsule is 10-80 w/w %.